

HINSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The **Parent Portal to PowerSchool** opened on Oct 8th. For those parents who were unable to attend the training on October 4th, we are sending home an additional letter in the students' folders with the instructions on how to access this portal. To assist those of you who might be having difficulty registering, we have provided the actual 'screen shots' of the process; if you continue to experience difficulty setting up your account please contact Mrs. Deborah Child Trabucco at the middle/high school, 336-5984 x 550. Please feel free to call if you need assistance.

As an extension of our initiative to increase parent involvement, we will be hosting our first performance-based "**Enrichment, Communication, & Connections**" on Thursday October 18th at 6:30 PM in our gym. Kindergarten and First Grade will be participating in the telling of a musical story. The Second and Fourth Grade classes will be combined to perform a number from "The Lion King". Student artwork will also be displayed. Ms. Mahoney has coordinated her work with students in music classes and in the After School Program to teach and prepare for the performances, and Mrs. Towle will be having her students display related art pieces. The additional focus of "**Enrichment, Communication & Connections**" is to reach out to parents at home and find ways to work together so we can better our childrens' education. At this first meeting, we will also be discussing literacy in school and at

home. We invite you to attend this meeting so you can see the children perform, as well as listen to some advocacy on the importance of reading. Following the performances in the gym, there will be a "cast party" in the cafeteria. Please join us!

Plans for Oct 31st include a parade at 2 PM in the field across from the playground, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement, we will parade inside the gym. If students are dressing in costumes, they need to bring them to school to avoid potential damage in buses and classes earlier in the day. They will be provided time to dress between 1:30 and 2. Costumes must be safe, without full masks, and no weapons, please. Following the parade, parties will be in classrooms. If you are planning to attend, please contact your child's teacher. We thank our PTA in advance for their support of this event!

Just a reminder: There is a workshop for teachers on Oct. 19th, so there will be no school for students on that Friday!

Thank-you,

Ann L. Freitag,
Principal

